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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Rep. Carolyn Partridge, Chair, House Committee on Agriculture and Forest Products

From: Rep. Mitzi Johnson, Chair, House Committee on Appropriations

Date: February 2, 2016

Subject: Provisions in the Governor's Proposed FY 2017 Budget

The House Appropriations Committee has started work on the Governor's proposed FY 2017 Budget and would like to inform you about proposals that fall under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Agriculture and Forest Products.

The House Appropriations Committee welcomes and appreciates your input and would like to give you the opportunity to comment on the proposals below. If you would like to respond it would be helpful if you could do so by the end of the day on February 24th.

**Sec. D.101** FUND TRANSFERS, REVERSIONS, AND RESERVES

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following amounts are transferred from the funds indicated:

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(3) From the Clean Water Fund established by 10 V.S.A. § 1388 to the Agricultural Water Quality Special Fund created under 6 V.S.A. §4803: \$1,975,000.

**EXPLANATION:** Transfer from the Clean Water Fund to the Agricultural Water Quality Special Fund.

**Sec. E.224** Agriculture, food and markets – agricultural development

(a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.224 of this act, the amount of \$711,490 in general funds is appropriated for expenditure by the Working Lands Enterprise Board established in 6 V.S.A. § 4606 for administrative expenses, direct grants, and investments in food and forest systems pursuant to 6 V.S.A. § 4607 and consistent with the funding priorities in 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 142, Sec. 5.

**EXPLANATION:** The appropriation for the Working Lands program is maintained with grant-making focused on the service provider investment area, which provides technical assistance and educational services to agricultural and forestry and forest products enterprises.